

I don't think Charlo would have preferred we had a copy of this letter-
for his sake it's just as well he hand-wrote it and it's not so easy to read,
at first trial ! Ian

Nagpur

26th Oct
(1935)

Dear Effie

Things don't have been better
yesterday so as to catch the mail but
I only got back home after being out
on tour for 2 months. I will share
the feeling is with me although the
letters won't go for another week.
I am busy packing & selling. I was
at least will do so from tomorrow;
my wife has been doing it so far
& securing a rest has gone off for
4 days on a visit with some friends.
You are right in assuming she will
not be coming home with me. You
see she has a lot of lung trouble &
has ^{under} the doctor's treatment here in
Punjab or in Nagpur during the
winter, when the climate is better
even than it is in the South of
France, till mid of April. On the 15th of

She sails for South Africa & will stay
about 4 months - till August with her
people & then collecting on little son
Colin eye! He will come to England
about first week Sept.

My own plans are - sail on 14th Nov
Lans Liverpool 2nd Decem^r & come
on the same day on the next to
Newcastle. Liverpool being not so far
I might as well do that instead of
going to London & coming up again
later on. Of course something may
happen to make me change my
plans of coming so soon to Newcastle,
but that is my plan at the moment
of writing.

It is my kind to offer to let me
have a res-sitting room & to ask
"how do I like the girls to be?" &
ask Shethu I will behave myself.
As to the last - decidedly not - Having

behaved

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behaved myself all my life, & I'm
positive & want to see that the other
side of the picture is like. As regards
the job I like 'em cheerful - it
depends upon the girl herself I think.
This reminds me - I found that you
said about the slip-saught's very
interesting - as a student of psychology
as well as "materia medica." That she does
not attract men or is not attractive to them
combined with a somewhat inert nature
rather points to retarded development
- perhaps that somewhat rare state
known as asexed. It cannot be that
however for slays to say, biologically,
the asexes of 'em do attract. It is all
a great handicap as you are experienced,
from her lack of ambition, & placed
contentment with her condition.

My greatest lady friend is a lady doctor
age 32 but holds the F.R.C.S. & R.C.P.
D.P.H. & will be coming home in 9th
or April to take special degrees in eyes
the D.O.M.S. She is a remarkably clever

girl of a very ^{shy} ~~quiet~~ nature - apparently.
but most cheerful when one gets to know
her. She is in sole charge of a very
large women's hospital out here, ~~and~~
& as I often have things to do with
hospital work & assist her in ad-
ministrative matters we have long &
interesting conversations on medical
matters & particularly in jurisprudence
which of course is a matter I have to
know, - passed exams in. There is always
a reason for types of humanity, particularly
feminine & the cause being known.
Remedy for blindness, is frequently possible.
So cheer up - she may improve.
It's rotten luck having to apply for a
needlework job & it must be maddening to
you that she should let her chances slip
of getting something better. I wish see whether
I can raise her into any ambition - is
her health otherwise good? In fact to
hear that the little son is doing so well
& has recovered now - that the one should
be so slack mentally as it was & the other
so eager & ambitious although different mothers

is interesting - if both were by the same
mother + father it would be easy to guess.
I am very interested in the last + might
perhaps be able to get Boston Stewart to
take an interest from a very practical
point of view.

Coming down as I am to pension
ratio there will be a lot I will be able
to learn from you - I look forward to
my stay with you with interest and
pleasure - I may not be able to stay
longer than a week or ten days - my
plans are matters of the moment to
a great extent - I have a lot of things
to see to + do in London. Has the
shipping from you s-d works for ten
in distance long?

Well it will not be long before you will
be seeing me in the flesh - don't
picture me as something like Boston
Stewart - In short s-b, but not fat.
in fact he preserves my Gossard line
& short fat figure very nicely thank you

I might as well say that I did
then I left school - in a way from
of the fact. Otherwise in clean
shaven, a witness to be "thin at
the top" + people often say that in fact
I look like Low Carson or for
Palmer Campbell the famous motorist.
That there must be some resemblance
is evident from the fact that
then last at Home + out motoring
with a leather motor cap on three
constables in town then I asked
the way addressed me as Sir Palmer.
Kindest regards - I'll be in for you
to shake a good week-tail then
I come + you cook me a really well
port chop.

Yrs sincerely
Charles Bell